

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Final Office Action dated May 7, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-20 are pending; claims 9-20 were withdrawn in the Response to Restriction Requirement of August 12, 2003. Accordingly, claims 1-8 were examined.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,570,544 to Makino et al.

The rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Independent claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that it recites a combination of elements including, for example, “an image signal processor controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources”. None of the cited references, including Makino, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claim 1 of the present invention is different from the structures in the cited references in that Makino does not disclose “an image signal processor controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources”.

Makino does not disclose or describe any “combination of the three color light sources.” In fact, Makino discloses throughout its disclosure, and in relation to every embodiment, that the color light sources are never combined, and that furthermore it would be undesirable to do so. For example, Makino discloses “[h]ere, the light-source driving control circuit assigns any one of the first light-emitting order including the first, second and third colors in this order, the second light-emitting order including the second, third and first colors in this order and the third light-emitting order including the third, first and second colors in this order to each frame within three consecutive frames in a manner so as not to overlap with each other” (Makino, column 6, lines 56-63). In addition, Makino discloses “the back-light control circuit allows the plurality of different color light rays of the back-light to be emitted sequentially color by color so as not to have the same light-emitting order of colors in the consecutive plurality of frames” (Makino, column 7, lines 29-33). Makino never discloses a “combination of the three light sources”. Therefore, Makino does not disclose or suggest “an image signal processor controlling a lighting order and combination of the three color light sources” as recited in claim 1. Because Makino

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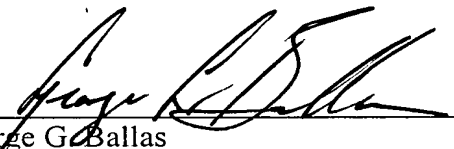
does not teach, disclose or suggest at least this feature of Applicants' invention, claim 1, and claims 2-8 which depend from claim 1, are allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in an immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would further the prosecution of the pending application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charges any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

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